



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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(All items for the newsletter must be  
received no later than Tuesday  
evening.)

## **SPONSORSHIP**

**KANGAROO ISLAND  
TRANSFERS** (0427 887 575)  
generously donate transport for  
our visiting Priests.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

This weekend Mass will be held at  
Kingscote at 9.30am.

Due to current COVID-19  
restrictions (1 person per 2 sqm) we  
are only permitted up to 78 people in  
our Church.



## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and some-thing appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in

our own language about the marvels of God.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34*

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

## **SECOND READING**

*Galatians 5:16-25*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Michelle Glynn, Bill Roestenberg, Carmel Northcott

**May anniversaries:** Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahan, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling

Please pray for all our faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

**ROSTERS**

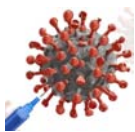
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23/5	M Glynn	N Clark	A Clark
30/5	C Pahl	K Hammatt	C Berden

**COVID Marshal**  
23/5 J Fernandez  
30/5 M Slagter

**PRIEST ROSTER**

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*  
23/5 Fr Josy  
30/5 Fr Dev

**GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD**



Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community.

Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every Spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it, friend, He's crazy about you!*

Max Lucado

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

Please remember to wear a mask if you would like to join in singing at Mass.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

On Pentecost Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) at 10.30am, an Ecumenical Service will be held at the KI Community Education Music Centre.



*Facilitated by KI Combined Churches*

**INDIA STRUGGLES WITH MASSIVE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19**

India is struggling to control a massive surge in COVID-19 cases, with a death toll nearing 200,000. Yet the real death rate is likely much higher, as most deaths in the country are unregistered. Cities across India are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds. Several major cities have nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. Your donation today can support communities across Asia impacted by disasters.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-regional-appeal/>

**GOOD GIVING APP**

You can now give to the first and second collections, and special appeals, via the direct giving app. This will save you having to use envelopes or cash to make regular donations at Mass.

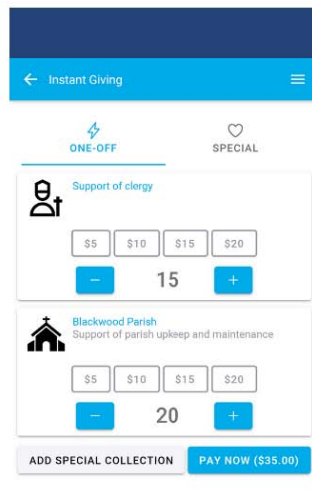
Please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page with the camera app on your phone and follow the prompts to organise direct debits from your bank account. *(Please note: this QR code is only for this purpose and is not the same as the attendance one at the door of the Church).*

If you have internet access, but no smartphone, you can register at: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au>

If you have any questions or problems accessing this site, please ring our Finance Officer - Helen Mumford (0408 367 009). *Helen Mumford*

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Parishioners are invited to a Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering in our Church on Thursdays at 9.00am - 9.30am.

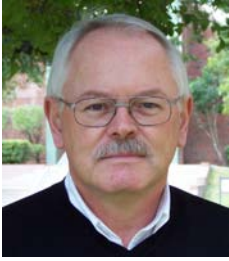


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## Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide.

### RICH KIDS GROWING UP WITHOUT MONEY – OR UNDERSTANDING

Gloria Steinem once confessed that, while never having been overweight, she has always been concerned about her weight because the genes she inherited from her parents predisposed her in that direction. So, she says, *I think of myself as a fat woman who is slim at the moment.* Her comment helped me to understand something I misunderstood years before in a classroom.

Early on in my seminary studies, taking a course on the sociology of poverty, I was struggling to accept our professor's explanation as to why poverty isn't always the consequence of personal failure, but is often the product of unchosen circumstances, accidents, and misfortune. Many of us in the class weren't buying it, and this was our logic. Most of us had come from very humble economic backgrounds and believed that we had pulled ourselves up by our own bootstraps. Why couldn't everyone else do the same?

So we protested: we grew up poor. We didn't have any money. We didn't get free school lunches. We had to work to pay for our clothes and books. Our parents never took any handouts. Nobody helped them – they took care of themselves. So have we, their kids. We resent those who are getting things for nothing. Nothing came to us free! We've earned what we have.

Our professor answered by telling us that this is precisely why we needed a course on the sociology of poverty. He wasn't buying the notion that we had grown up poor and had earned things by our own hard work. Then, this surprising phrase: *"None of you were poor as kids; you were rich kids who grew up without money; and where you are today isn't just*

the result of your own hard work, it's also the result of a lot of good fortune."

It took me years (and Gloria Steinem's comment) to understand he was right. I was a rich kid who grew up in a family without money. Moreover, so much of what I naively believed that I'd earned by my own hard work was in fact very much the product of good fortune.

I doubt our society understands that. A number of popular clichés have us believe that one's background should never be an excuse for not being a success in this world, that success is open equally to everyone. We've all inhaled the clichés. *Any poor kid can grow up to be President of this country! Any poor kid can go to Harvard! Anybody industrious can make a success of his or her life! There's no excuse for any healthy person not having a job!*

Is this true? Partially, yes; kids from poor economic backgrounds have become president, thousands of poor kids have found entrance into the best universities, countless kids who grew up poor have been highly successful in life, and people who are motivated and not lazy generally do make a success of their lives. However, that's far from the whole story.

What really makes for the separation of rich and poor in our world? Is everyone really on equal footing? Is it really virtue that makes for success and lack of it that makes for failure?

In a best-selling book, *Elderhood*, Louise Aronson, makes this comment about her mother and Queen Elizabeth, both who aged wonderfully and gracefully: "They both were born into privilege: white, citizens of developed countries, wealthy and educated. Both were gifted with great genetic DNA, and both had the good fortune of not ever

having been assaulted, abused, felled by cancer, or in a debilitating car accident. ... These advantages are not a matter of character. *Indeed, willpower and capacity for wise decisions are often by-products of fortunate lives.*" (Emphasis, mine)

Success isn't predicated only on personal character, hard work, and dedication. Neither is failure necessarily the result of weakness, laziness, and lack of effort. We aren't all born equal, set equally into the same starting blocks, have equally gifted or abusive childhoods, are allotted equally the same opportunities for education and growth, and then are parceled out equally the same measure of accidents, illness, and tragedy in life. However, it's because we naively believe that fortune is allotted equally to all that we glibly (and cruelly) divide people into winners and losers, judge harshly those we deem losers, blame them for their misfortunes, and congratulate ourselves on what we have achieved, as if all the credit for our success can be attributed to our own virtue. Conversely, we see those who are poor as having only themselves to blame. Why can't they pull themselves up by their bootstraps? We did!

But ... some of us have genes that predispose us to become fat, some of us are rich kids who grow up without money, and willpower and capacity for wise decisions are often the products of a fortunate life rather than a matter of character. Recognizing that can make us less cruel in our judgments and far less smug in our own successes.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)*

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(May, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

**John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’



### TAKE A DEEP BREATH

What do these things have in common: wind, water, fire, tongues, and a dove? They are all biblical metaphors for the Spirit of God - and they all fail to capture the fullness of that divine presence. Yet paradoxically, the Spirit who so eludes our definition is closest to us, is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise: "I am with you until the end". The American songbook refers to such nearness in human relationships in this tune: "It's not the pale moon that excites me / That thrills and delights me / Oh no, it's just the nearness of you". Just capitalise the Y in you. The celebrated Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner declares that the Holy Spirit is the "nearness of God". Profound.

Simple. But how difficult it is to remain aware of that nearness. We're aware of the busy, the loud, the fast in our world, but trying to be always aware of the silent, constant, life-giving nearness is like trying to be always aware of your own breathing. For most of us, it's only in moments such as when your hot water suddenly turns icy cold and leaves you gasping that you realise how much you need and desperately want that next breath.

Without that breath, we die. This is more than metaphor: it is reality. "We must will to believe in such a nearness - in the Holy Spirit," says Rahner, and this is what we celebrate today: the nearness of Christ, the nearness of God, the breath that will never be taken away, that is keeping you alive in this very instant so that you may whisper, "Thank you".

As you go out, the Holy Spirit goes with you. The Spirit of questioning will lead us to fresh understanding. The Spirit of persistence will save us from discouragement. The Spirit of compassion will call us to caring. The Spirit of adventure will have us leave routine in the dust. The Spirit of community will give us joy as we work with others. We know the Holy Spirit goes with us. Rely on the Spirit. Amen. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 May)

- **Monday, 24:** OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS ( Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; James 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 ( Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31)
- **Wednesday, 26:** St Philip Neri ( Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 ( Sirach 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 ( Sirach 44:1,9-13; Mk 11:11-26)
- **Saturday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 8 ( Sirach 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33)
- **Sunday 30:** The Most Holy TRINITY (Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).